

Golden Urban Renewal Authority

City of Golden, Colorado

Business Meeting

Jan 11, 2010

The Golden Urban Renewal Authority of the City of Golden, County of Jefferson, State of Colorado, met on the above date in the City of Golden Council Chambers at 911 – 10th Street, Golden, Colorado, at the hour of 6:30 p.m. Commissioners present were:

Paul Imse	Steve Taylor	Philip Baker	Annette Lyttle	Lyndall McLetchie
A.J. Johnston	Ted Bickart			

Mark Heller and Janis McBurney were also present. Ted Bickart arrived at 6:50 p.m.

Approval of Minutes -

Lyttle called for a motion to approve the business meeting minutes of December 14, 2009. **Taylor MOVED to approve the business meeting minutes. Imse SECONDED.** A discussion was held. Misspelled names were noted. With regard to the last sentence under the Finance Committee section, Lyttle suggested that the language “GURA’s budget would be significant” be changed to read “GURA’s overall budget would be significant” and that “the City’s budget would be minimal” be changed to read “the City’s Jackson Street project budget would be minimal.” **All Commissioners present agreed as amended.**

Public Comment – Vicky Wagner thanked the GURA Board for their support of the Golden Visitors Center.

Councilor Karen Oxman thanked and complimented the Board on the magical holiday lights and noted the difference in appearance of the lights north to south of 10th Street.

Matt Wiewel advised that he is considering opening a business in Golden and is interested in learning more about GURA and the proposed business plan prize.

Reports of Committees/Matters for the Authority

Finance Committee – Heller advised that our 2009 City Services bill should be about \$46,000, which is under the budget, and that this is the only major outstanding liability from 2009.

Human Resources Committee – none

Communications Committee – Heller noted that he is working on design drafts for the 2009 Annual Report with Brian D’Agosta.

Development and Operations – Presentation by GURA Intern John Hageman regarding east downtown scenarios – Hageman presented his work with Sketch Up! showing different build-out scenarios of the east downtown area, and answered questions propounded by the Board.

Discussion/action regarding upcoming study session with City Council regarding “East Downtown” plan – Heller advised that the Development and Operations Committee met and provided feedback and direction regarding the contents of a draft memorandum to be prepared for Council on the upcoming study session. A discussion was held. Heller will add a paragraph under “East Downtown” Land Use Plan stating that we need to understand under what circumstances we can move forward on Lots 2 and 4, and whether GURA can negotiate with developers who have submitted proposals for these

lots right now. He will also add language suggesting that the study area be extended down Jackson Street to 19th Street.

Discussion/action regarding draft approach to business plan prize – Heller led a discussion on this topic, and ideas were exchanged.

Discussion/action regarding Gateway Arch letter painting – The Board viewed images of the arch with the letters filled in with various shades of gold. **Baker MOVED that we paint the letters one of the shades of gold. Taylor SECONDED. All Commissioners except Baker voted nay – motion denied.**

Other Business – Johnston asked if the time and place for Heller's review had been set. McBurney will check and see if the conference room at City Hall is available on Wednesday at noon.

Commissioners Concerns – McLetchie advised that there is a Vision 2030 Meeting on Wednesday. She asked if we are sponsoring a contest again this year with Foothills Art Center. After brief discussion, it was decided that Heller would check into doing this again.

Lyttle reported that a couple of the downtown merchants have asked if the holiday lights could be kept up year-round. After discussion, it was decided that GURA would not leave the lights up year-round.

Staff Report – Heller gave status updates on photovoltaics, the CML meeting held January 8 regarding URA legislation, the Hire a Senior Program, Hurricane support, Blue Canyon support, and on alternative funding sources. He advised that he decided to support the 2010 web hosting fees for all of the web sites that GURA has created.

Taylor asked if we could start refurbishing the electrical system along 13th Street. Heller will report back with a work plan including costs. He also asked about the lighting on the new bridge.

McBurney passed along sincere thanks to the Board received from Tedd and Jolynn Johnson regarding the grant they received for the new Blue Canyon. She advised that the updated downtown directories have been completed and will be installed soon.

Public Comment – none

Adjourn -

There being no further business, Lyttle called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Johnston MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Baker SECONDED. All Commissioners present agreed.** Lyttle adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Mark Heller
Executive Director

Annette Lyttle
Chair